In the Claims

Claims 6-16 and 25-42 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 17 is amended.

Claims 1-5 and 17-24 remain in the application and are listed as follows:

1. (Original) A system comprising:

an event prediction module operably associated with multiple media content samples that are to be rendered for a user, the module being configured to:

receive event notification requests from an application pertaining to events associated with the media content samples; and

predict rendition times associated with the individual events.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the event prediction module comprises an event list that stores information associated with events and associated event rendition times.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the event prediction module is configured to:

generate event notifications in accordance with their predicted rendition times; and

send the notifications to an application.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the event prediction module predicts the rendition times by taking into account one or more

presentation rates that define a rate at which individual media content samples are to be rendered.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the event prediction module predicts the rendition times by performing linear interpolation.

6.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-implemented</u> method comprising:

receiving an event notification request from an application, the event notification request requesting a notification pertaining to events associated with one or more media content samples that are to be rendered; and

predicting rendition times associated with the individual events.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising storing information associated with events and associated event rendition times in an event list.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising sending at least one event notification to the application responsive to an associated event having been predicted to occur at a particular rendition time.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the act of predicting is accomplished, at least in part, by taking into account one or more presentation rates at which individual content samples are to be rendered.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the act of predicting is accomplished, at least in part, by performing at least one linear interpolation operation.

22.   (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to:

receive an event notification request from an application, the event notification request requesting a notification pertaining to events associated with one or more media content samples that are to be rendered;

predict rendition times associated with the individual events; and

send at least one event notification to the application responsive to an associated event having been predicted to occur at a particular rendition time.

23.   (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 22, wherein the computer-readable instructions cause the one or more processors to predict rendition times by taking into account one or more presentation rates at which individual content samples are to be rendered.

24.   (Original) The computer-readable media of claim 22, wherein the computer-readable instructions cause the one or more processors to predict rendition times by performing at least one linear interpolation operation.

25.-42. (Canceled)